(b) if so, whether Government have made any study also in this matter;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) A Commission for Economically Backward Classes has been constituted to suggest *inter-alia*, criteria for identification of economically backward classes, recommend the welfare measures and quantum of reservation in education and Government employment.

(d) The term of the Commission has been extended for a period of one year *i.e.* upto 31.1.2008.

Projects for primitive tribes in Rajasthan

1651. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of primitive tribes in Rajasthan;

(b) their population, tribe-wise;

(c) their educational level;

(d) their nutritional level;

(e) their source of livelihood;

(f) whether Government have any special projects for them; and

(g) if so, the details of the projects already implemented and those to be implemented in future, tribe-wise, area-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) There is only one Primitive Tribal Group (PTG) in Rajasthan *i.e.* Saharia. As per the information submitted by the State Government based on survey conducted in 2002, the total population of Saharia PTGs in Rajasthan is 79,372.

(c) As per the survey of 2002 conducted by State Government, the overall literacy rate of Saharia PTGs is 23.33%.

(d) The information of nutritional level is not maintained by the Ministry.

(e) As per the survey conducted by State Government during 2002, Saharias earn their livelihood mainly from agriculture labour and a small population is dependent on agriculture, forests and other activities.

(f) and (g) The Ministry has been implementing an exclusive 100% Central Sector Scheme *viz.* ''Development of Primitive Tribal Groups'' since 1998-99 for over all development of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) including Saharia PTGs. It is a very flexible scheme which may cover developmental activities like housing, land distribution, land development, agricultural development, cattle development,

income generation programmes, health-care, infrastructure development, social security, etc. The tribe-wise, area-wise and year-wise details of activities funded for Saharia PTGs in Rajasthan during Tenth Five Year Plan are given in the Statement (*See* below). For the Eleventh Five Year Plan, the Ministry has initiated action to adopt hamlet/habitat development approach under the scheme, and asked all the States having PTG population, including Rajasthan to prepare a comprehensive Conservation-cum-Development Plan for five years.

Statement

Area-wise and year-wise details of activities funded for Saharia PTGs in Rajasthan during Tenth Plan period

Year	Name of PTG	District covered	Activities undertaken	Grants released (Rs. in lakhs)
2002-03	Saharia	Baran	Patal Dona unit, wells and tube wells, base line survey of PTGs, vocational training	114.23
2003-04	Saharia	Baran	Milk production, Bee keeping	10.00
2004-05	Saharia	Baran	Construction. of 200 houses, vocational training, insurance cover to 2500 heads of PTG families under Janashree Bima Yojana (JBY)	76.00
2005-06	Saharia	Baran	Construction of houses Insurance cover to 5000 heads of PTG families under JBY	62.00
2006-07	Saharia	Baran	Awareness about livelihood opportunity through Joint Forest Managemet, livelihood through horticulture, job oriented training	77.00

Killing of tribals in Dantewara

1652. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribals killed by the police, the para-military forces and by naxalites in Dantewara district of Chhattisgarh during the last six months;